GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Tribal Welfare Department – Merging of AP Tribal Power Company Limited (APTRIPCO) in to AP Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGENCO) – Orders – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (TW-LTR.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 71 **Date: 05-11-2015**
Read the following:-

1. GO.Ms.No. 24 Social Welfare (LTR-1) Dept. dated.11-03-2002.
2. GO.Ms.No. 34 Social Welfare (LTR-1) Dept. dated.07-04-2004.
3. Lr.No.APTRIPCO/182/2014-15/122 dated: 06-01-15 from the MD, APTRIPCO.
4. GO Ms.No. 11 Tribal Welfare (LTR-1) Dept. dated.03-02-2015.
5. Note Proposal from the DTW/ MD, APTRIPCO dated: 23-07-2015.

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O R D E R:-

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have accorded sanction for establishment of A.P. Tribal Power Company Limited (APTRIPCO) under the Companies Act, 1956 for erection of Mini Hydel Power Projects (MHPPs) by harnessing natural hydel power potential available in scheduled areas of Andhra Pradesh under BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) basis.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have issued modification orders for entrusting the management of MHPPs to Tribal Women Organisations of the projects, so that, the entire profits from such projects shall accrue to the local tribals and for developing the local tribal areas.

3. To start with, AP Tribal Power Company Limited has grounded 3 MHPPs at Vetamamidi, Mitlapalem and Pinjarikonda villages, Addateegala Mandal of ITDA, R.C.Varam area of East Godvari District of which the MHPP at Vetamamidi was commissioned on 15-04-2011 Subsequently it was defunct from 17-04-2013 onwards for want of repairs and replacement of spares and also due to non availability of experienced senior technical staff for proper maintenance. The other two projects also which were half way through could not be completed due to non availability of experienced technical staff with APTRIPCO, as the services of the technical staff of APGENCO working at that time were withdrawn by their parent department.

4. APTRIPCO does not have its own experienced technical manpower since there is no regular technical staff. These projects essentially required experienced technical personnel for planning, designing, execution, supervision, guidance and maintenance etc., and at this crucial juncture, APGENCO has also expressed its inability to spare any technical personnel to APTRIPCO either on deputation or on regular basis. In the absence of qualified and experienced technical engineers in the relevant field of MHPPs, APTRIPCO is unable to complete the ongoing incomplete two projects at Mitlapalem & Pinjarikonda and further O&M of Vetamamidi Project.

5. Therefore, during the Collectors' Conference held on 07-08-2014 at Vijayawada, after reviewing the status of the projects executed by APTRIPCO by the Chief Minister, it was decided to entrust the (3) projects to APGENCO. Accordingly, Government have ordered vide reference G.O. 4th read above for entrustment of two incomplete projects (at Mitlapalem, Pinjarikonda villages) for completion and further maintenance of all the 3 projects (Vetamamidi, Mitlapalem and PInjarikonda at Addateegala Mandal of ITDA, R.C.Varam area of East Godavari District) to AP GENCO.

6. In the reference 5th read above, now the DTW/ MD, APTRIPCO has stated that APTRIPCO is not a specialized techno organization and also does not have its own regular experienced technical staff, and there is no possibility of getting experienced technical staff has been experienced previously, it has to depend solely on specialized technical Government organization like APGENCO for successful running of the MHPPs. Further, there are no new projects on hand for execution. APTRIPCO incurring recurring expenditure of about Rs.1.10cr per annum, and the APTRIPCO has become a liability rather than an asset to the Government. Thus the role of APTRIPCO, is limited to augment financial resources and place at the disposal of APGENCO.

7. Keeping in view of the complexities, the Board of APTRIPCO has resolved vide Minutes No.353, in its meeting held on 03.03.2015 that it may not be advisable to continue a parallel institution like APTRIPCO without any production activity and when no new projects are there for grounding, and when APGENCO a well established and specialized Government organization is doing similar job. The

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only option left to overcome this problem, in tune with the recommendation of the Board is to merge APTRIPCO with APGENCO which can handle these projects very effectively with its existing staff. By doing so, recurring overhead expenditure on staff and office maintenance, which would be unnecessary financial cost to the public exchequer, could be avoided.

8. In the circumstances explained above, the Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order that the AP Tribal Power Company Limited (APTRIPCO) is hereby merged in AP Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGENCO) with immediate effect.

9. The MD, APTRIPCO and the MD, APGENCO shall take necessary action in the matter immediately as per laid down procedure in the Companies Act, 2013.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
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